

A Contrast.

When reading the news from the Eastern States during the last two or three days, the very fact of doing so almost makes one shiver with the cold. In many places the thermometer has gone below the freezing point. At others snow has fallen in large quantities and by the force of the blizzards has drifted so that railroads and other means of transportation are blockaded. Shipping has suffered from gales along the Atlantic Coast. Even the oranges have all frozen in Florida and many of the trees are killed. The cold blight has swept the country from way South to the extreme North.

Now see how California has been treated, particularly of late. There have been slight frosts in the morning, only sufficient to make the air bracing. During the day the sun shines brightly and its warmth is spread like a mantle over this section of the earth. There are no storms prevailing and it would appear that nature is still holding her own in keeping up its fame as far as climate is concerned. The little violets are blossoming from their tiny beds and the buds of promise are peeping out of each and every garden, shrub and bush.

Are we contented with what Providence bestows upon us? At times we think not from the fact that it needs the heavy contrast of prosperity to enable us to appreciate it when it is bestowed upon us. Without wishing for adversity let us think of the poor and distressed people not only near us but those far away and then, to a certain extent, we may appreciate what comforts we do have.

Recreation.

It is quite likely that Berkeley will have a large number of visitors tomorrow. The ground on the hills has got quite dry, and the grass is sufficiently high to afford a good cushion to rest upon. Those people who have been penned up in the city all winter, long for a change and take the first opportunity to get out of the city where they can see and climb up on the green hills and get a breath of the fresh air that always floats thereabouts. Then many will want to visit the grounds which show the appearance of a coming landslide. No doubt many places back of the town will be kotted by little picnic parties, who are taking the only day they have in the week for recreation.

Berkeley affords many places of rest for those who like to take a stroll over the hills and at the same time can view a panorama of very great beauty. Soon a plenty of wild flowers will be in bloom. These add fragrance to the air and joy to the senses.

To these visitors who are so pleased to visit our town and enjoy all of the beautiful things in, around and about it, a request is made that they hold private property inviolate. In years gone by they have been ac-

customed to steal flowers from gardens and fruit from the trees and often the branches were broken off before the fruit was ripe. Berkeley extends a cordial welcome to all those who keep within the bounds of propriety but will surely permit those who go beyond.

Court Notes.

The boys Gallagher, Smith, Kent and Mahoney who were tried in Judge Lord's Court yesterday before a jury on the charge of malicious mischief were acquitted.

J. H. Hill, J. H. Fuller, G. W. Jullian, T. S. Rodgers and Charles Comstock, students in the University were out last night hunting cats and they found some. In order to prevent the felines from promenading around these fine moonlight nights and disturbing other gaily troubadours these youngsters conclude to use them for a shot gun target. The breath of three cats was arrested and so were the five students.

Constable Brotherton could not stand so palpable a violation of one of Berkeley's ordinances. He took the prisoners before Judge Lord who released them on their giving bail to attend trial on Saturday, February 16th, 1895.

In a speech before the Good Roads Convention Professor Soule defined a road engineer as one who understands the principles of road construction and how to apply them in practice. He concluded his speech by saying that the State University was prepared to furnish free to any county in the State plans and specifications for bridges of any size.

Educated Pensioners.

In the face and eyes of a Committee on Retrenchment and Reform is a bill entitled "An Act to Create and Administer a School Teachers' Annuity and Retirement Fund in the Several Counties and Cities and Counties of the State."

If the State is going into the pension business there are probably many other vocations which would be as much entitled to the benefit of it as school teachers. We fail to see where the proposition has a single foot to stand upon. This vocation is as well, if not better, paid than any other in the State. Any economical school teacher can save enough from her salary in twenty-five years to carry her well through the balance of the term of life. It is impossible to see one scintilla of propriety in allowing this bill. Should it be granted the doors would be open to the pensioning of all avocations with equal justice.

The trial of R. H. McDonald is well underway in Judge Murphy's court in San Francisco. As a defense proof of insanity is being got in whenever possible. From testimony given it would appear that he was quite bad when the moon was full. Wonder how he was last night.

Citrus Fair in Sonoma County.

The orange exhibit at the citrus fair now being held at Cloverdale seems to astonish the people, many not being aware that the delicious fruit could be successfully raised in Sonoma county. Although the section in which they are raised now is small, the fact of having such a production will probably show that the territory can be extended. The county should be congratulated on its exhibit.

Attempted Bank Robbery

An attempt to rob the bank of St. Helena, Napa county, yesterday, was frustrated by Deputy Sheriff Bromley who learned of the scheme and arrested the would-be perpetrator, John Wooden, before he had an opportunity to carry his plan into execution. Wooden has been drinking a great deal of late and it was feared that he might do something very desperate if he was allowed to go at large any longer.

If no change occurs in the proceedings bids for building the new ferry depot at the foot of Market street in San Francisco will be opened on Monday next at 2 o'clock in the Harbor Commissioners office, No. 10, California street. The contract is a large one and many mechanics who desired to bid upon a portion of the work they were acquainted with, made a fight to have it let in sections. Whether any change has been made from the original advertisement or not will be known on Monday.

As soon as the tracks were laid and the poles were up on Church street, San Francisco, Mayor Sutro succeeded in getting the work stopped. It is now said that the franchise on that street had been abandoned and the railroad had no right to lay tracks there. Evidently the company believed the same thing or they would not have put 600 men at work in the night time.

President Cleveland thinks President Dole of Hawaii is going too far in punishing the late revolutionists against that Republic. Some of the friends are liable to get hurt. The chances are that the Government will get news to that country quicker than the Philadelphia could carry it.

Hon. John L. Stevens whom Secretary Blaine sent as Minister to Hawaii and was there when the kingdom fell, died at his home in Augusta, Maine, yesterday, at the age of 75 years. He was a very able man.

Governor Budd now says that he has been misunderstood in relation to abolishing the State Printing Office. What he does favor is a change in the system whereby the expenditures can be reduced a great deal.

The days are few when bathers will want to jump into the briny waters which laves the banks of sweet Berkeley. Where are the parties who were going to erect bathing houses at the West End?

Church Notice.

Harold E. Monses, pastor of the Christian Church will preach tomorrow in Woodmen hall at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The discourse will be the second in a series of expository discourses of the "Acts of the Apostles." Sabbath school at 10 o'clock a. m. and Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:15 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend each and every one of the services.

A Good Showing Needed.

As a man is known by the company he keeps so is a town known by the way its merchants patronize their local papers. When you take up a local newspaper and find it well filled with local advertisements it is a sure sign that the place is a lively one and that the business men are wide-awake. These are solid chunks of wisdom and he who abideth by them will surely have a conucopia of his own that coin will run from whenever it is his pleasure to turn it upside down.

Where is the man or woman or in fact a child but what does not know that appearances carry a great deal of weight. Even the shopkeeper who does not advertise will endeavor to arrange his goods in the store window so that they will be attractive to the passer. Then why not get his goods into that world wide mirror, the newspaper, which reflects world wide so that all can see.

Crescent Athletic Club will move today from their quarters in Lancaster Block to Armory Hall on Bancroft way. The Directors of the Club and the Tug-of-war team are requested to meet at Wilcox's Photo Gallery tomorrow at 10 o'clock sharp.

People in Santa Clara Valley want the railroad to go through their county towards the south and will probably put forth many inducements to get the Directors to grant their request. Berkeley must do something to offset this or it may get side tracked.

From the latest accounts of the war between Japan and China the latter country has lost every war ship she had which was of any consequence and that the Japs were marching through China with comparatively nothing to prevent them except cold weather.

President Cleveland has concluded to issue more bonds without waiting for Congress. He has sent them a message to ponder over while he is securing the necessary ducats to keep the big reserve filled with goose eggs.

Legislative Notes.

Orr presented a protest against the sale of liquor within one mile of the State University.

The proposed constitutional amendment to exempt mortgages from taxation was beaten in the Assembly yesterday.

Senator Seymour has withdrawn his bill (540) to establish a cordage factory at Folsom State Prison.

The Alameda delegation will recommend amendments to the fee bills so as to give salaries to justices and constables in certain townships.

The Assembly Committee have made their report on the Adult Blind Home. In it is a recommendation that all of the Directors be removed, the present home be sold and a new location be secured outside any city.

The sub-committee on Retrenchment and Public Expenditures have reported in favor of scaling down salaries paid to officers and employees of the State Normal School at Los Angeles, Whittier, Scholl, and the Insane Asylum at Highlands.

Earl has offered a constitutional amendment, to be proposed for adoption by the people, providing that public school moneys may be used for high schools and other purposes of higher education, and not confined exclusively to the support of primary and grammar schools.

The Morning Times of Oakland made a claim of having between 8000 and 9000 subscribers when explaining their claim for \$6440 for printing the amendments to the constitution before the Legislative Committee. Secretary Waite left a printing legacy of \$109,753.20 for the State to look after. It will be cut down.

The old time regular Insurance bill cinch is again before the Legislature. It sprouts up at the beginning of each session, gets ready to bloom and then fades away ere its duty on earth is half done. For some reason or other the Insurance lobby casts such a blight upon it that life cannot move out of the shell any too quick.

It looks very much as if Senator Mahoney let go his liquor bill only for the purpose of getting a better hold. The air carries intelligence that some time next week another bill will be introduced upon the same subject, which will not have so many knot holes in it as the previous one. Those in opposition appear to be on the alert and whatever may come up preparation has been made to meet it.

People who read the papers are wondering why so many county officials happen to be visiting Sacramento just now. An old stager there, who claims to know about all that is going on, says there is a general impression among the Legislators that county officials are overpaid, and that the intense scramble for public office is an uncontrovertible argument that this is a fact. So there seems to be a strong inclination on the part of representatives from the many counties to use the pruning knife freely when formulating the County Government bill, and cutting off slices of salaries. The rush to the Capitol is thus accounted for.

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CLAUS SPRECKELS' RAILROAD.

We have given this name to the new railroad recently projected to go through the San Joaquin Valley down to Bakersfield and later on further on. The proposition has been so much written up in the newspapers and talked of everywhere of late that it does not seem possible that there can be a man in the northern, middle and a portion of the south but what must know a great deal about it.

It has been underway for some time but for some time subscriptions came in slow although a small amount comparatively was wanted. The matter was laid before Mr. Claus Spreckels for consideration as a business enterprise. He took plenty of time and went all through the details of the proposition and then made up his mind that it would pay to build it. As he has said he is not in it for the particular benefit of the public. Where his own self can be served and the public will be benefited too he is ready to go ahead.

With abundant means to accomplish the building the road all by himself, if it was necessary, whatever he does the public have confidence in. His history has shown him to be a careful and energetic person. Thus it was when he came out so forcibly both in language and money for the building of the road people tumble over one and another for a chance to place their money alongside of his for an investment. Every action shows that his heart is in the enterprise. This alone attracts others, and many of them are men of large capital. They have become enthused by his enthusiasm.

Let us look at some of the advantages to be derived from building this line of railroad. In the first place it is going to give employment to a large number of mechanics in all the various trades, and laborers. Just now in California this will be a help of immense magnitude. For what helps these two branches of employees gives work to all the rest of the trades. Merchants will be benefitted in many different ways. They will have the opportunity of supplying the many articles needed by all of the workingmen. Later on, when the road is completed, they will be enabled to get their supplies at a rate that the difference from that now paid will give them a living income. New country will be opened up and settlers will move in and improve the property and they in turn become consumers as well as producers.

There could be enumerated a hundred different ways by which the State and the people in it will derive both profit and pleasure. To all of this may be added that in the future a hope will be held out that the beginning of this road may lead to the building on to the end of it until it reaches a long ways into the Eastern

State, thereby breaking the grip which the present railroad has had for so many years on the throat of the entire Pacific Coast.

All of the above leads up to the fact that the president of the Board of Trustees of Berkeley has called a mass-meeting of our citizens to be held in the Town Hall this evening. It remains to be seen whether Berkeleyans are sufficiently alive to the interests of the town to take some action in expressing their hearty approval to the project and subscribing such amounts as they may feel able to. Whether they subscribe or not there should be some hearty expression made favorable to it. Don't wait for your neighbor, but at least lend your presence if nothing more.

CAN WE HAVE REFORM.

The reform business in our Legislature makes progress very slowly. Every attempt at retrenchment seems to fall like a heavy weight on somebody's dollar mark. While the committee is composed of good men, who want to do what the public are clamoring for, they are heavily handicapped by their fellow members, who fail to stand by in the hour of need. Neither does this class refuse to back up their committee in a fair, manly, open-handed way. The harm is done when the ayes and noes are not taken down.

When voting for saving money to the people occurs every Legislator should be put on record, and if a man does not do the right thing his immediate constituents should take him in hand and make him feel that he has been caught in the act of putting his hand in his neighbors pocket and stealing therefrom.

According to a decision of the Supreme Court the inmates of the Veteran's Home in Napa county have a right to vote.

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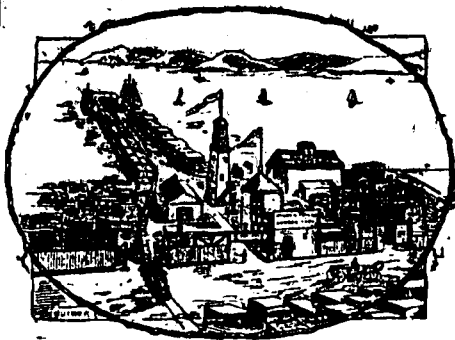


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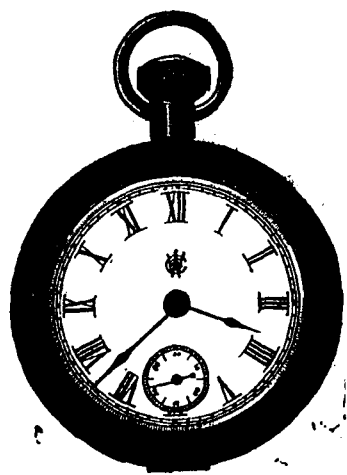
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Madame Kohne, midwife and ladies' nurse, has removed from 1912 Fifth street, to Eighth street, between University avenue and Addison street.

MASS MEETING.

A meeting of the citizens of Berkeley who are interested in the progress of the town will be held at the Town Hall, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 1895, for the purpose of considering the question of aiding in the establishment of a railroad connecting this section with the interior of California and with Eastern railroads. All citizens interested are urgently requested to be present and to discuss this important question.

M. J. ACTON.
President Board of Trustees.

In yesterday's issue the name of the coast defense steamer, which had been observed passing Berkeley harbor to the North, was given as "Waterbury." On enquiring of the compositor why the change in the name happened to occur, the reply was that it was supposed to have happened on account of being on the "watch" for her. It was the Monterey.

A young man by the name of D. Woolley who resides in Lorin bought a suicide ticket night before last for Death Valley. Fortunately for him a Southern Pacific Railroad conductor put him off the train because he wanted to lay over on the way. He is now thankful he did not make the trip.

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H. C. Campbell and Thaddeus B. Kent (trustees for George Frier) to San Francisco Savings Union, lot 5, block 11, Berkeley Villa Association.

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Eva, wife of N. Schieline, to John Pitcher, lot 4, block L, subdivisions of block I, J and L, Harmon tract, \$1,000.

A View in Berkeley.

H. D. Kesley the Berkeley Pharmacist, is also an artist, and can mix colors as well as drugs. While he attends strictly to the former profession he aids it with his artistic knowledge. For the past week the show window of his store has been a great source of attraction. People get nearly by, turn around, and take a good look in the window. Their eyes having caught a glimpse of something which hurried footsteps did not give them an opportunity to fully satisfy the eyesight. There is an indefinite something that can be seen in the window, more than a block away, which causes the curious minded to wend their way to the drug store for the purpose of finding out what it is. It will afford you amusement. Go and see it for yourself.

A Child Burned.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock as Jennie Kennedy, a little girl 7 years of age, was playing near a bonfire on Telegraph avenue and Derby street, her clothes caught on fire. Some men riding past saw her and sung out to Mr. Kennedy, who was close at hand. He got some water and succeeded in putting the fire out, but not before the child's hands and face were burned.

Dr. Eastman was called and dressed the wounds. Today she is resting as well as the seriousness of the case will allow.

High School Concert.

The promoters of the High School concert, given in Shattuck hall last evening, should certainly be pleased if the number of people present was any criterion to judge by. The hall was well filled by a refined audience and they appeared to enjoy the different numbers as they were produced. Comment on the separate numbers is hardly in place in an entertainment of this kind. The performance passed off without any hitches and as the audience departed expressions of pleasure were heard on all sides.

Today and this evening are the last opportunities voters will have to get on the Register for the purpose of voting on the charter question. Mr. Gompertz will be at the cigar store of Geo. H. Stricker during the remaining time to do the registering.

It took the Philadelphia nine and one-half days to go from San Francisco to Honolulu. Rather slow time for a vessel which has speedy pretensions.

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Don't forget that the mass meeting called to-night for the purpose of taking some action in regard to the San Joaquin Valley railroad will be called to order by President Acton at 8 o'clock sharp. As there are likely to be many speakers a ten minute clause should be wedged in; so that all hands may have a chance before midnight.

The town ought to be some richer if the wandering patent medicine venders pay a license.

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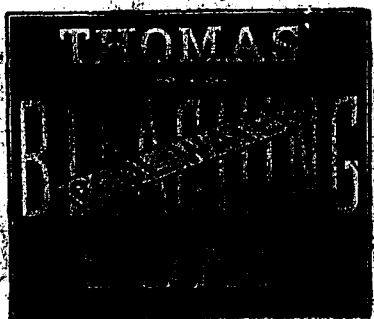
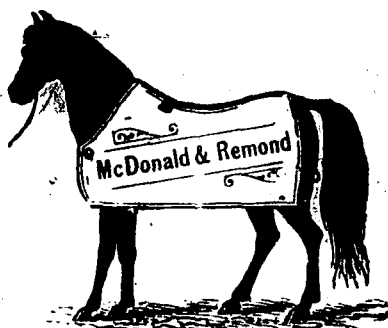
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